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URANIUM RESERVES
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Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of uranium reserve in the country at present;

(b) whether uranium is being used in industries, other than Atomic Power Plants; and

(c) if so, the quantum of uranium used in such industries as well as in the Atomic Power Plants, separately?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY

(SMT. VASUNDHRA RAJE) :

(a) The Atomic Minerals Directorate for Exploration andResearch of the Department of Atomic Energy hasidentified the existence of uranium resources, of varying grades and quantities, at several locations in the States of Bihar, Meghalaya, Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Karnataka. The established deposits at Jaduguda, Bhatin and Narwapahar in the East Singhbhum District of Bihar are currently being minded. The deposits at other locations are in different stages of estimation, with reference to the relevant parameters o f techno-economic feasibility of actual exploitation. The Total uranium resources thus estimated are 92,000 metric tonnes approximately of uranium oxide (U3O8)

(b) Very small quantities of uranium have been used in industries other than nuclear power.

(c) It is not in the public interest to disclose information on the quantum of uranium used in the nuclear power reactors in the country.